

# THE FARE BOX

A MONTHLY NEWS-LETTER  
for COLLECTORS of  
TRANSPORTATION TOKENS

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This, the first issue of **THE FARE BOX**, is the Guinea Pig edition of a News-Letter we Collectors of Transportation Tokens have long needed.

Heretofore unless we were fortunate enough to live just around the corner from another Collector we were seldom able to discuss our token collecting activities with anyone very much interested. This News-Letter is intended to provide a means whereby we can "talk tokens" with other Collectors and exchange information enabling each and everyone to build up a collection. Also it will assist in bringing hundreds of other Collectors into one circle of acquaintances and will propagate our chosen hobby. Now the floor is yours.

\* Each issue will carry these features; an introduction of some Collector, how and when he started, how many he has now and other incidents occurring in his pursuit of those elusive bits of metal, celluloid, etc.

Other features will be the new issues reported and another telling of the toughies that have been found and by whom. The latter should be very interesting. Ads will be carried offering "Token to Sell" and "Tokens to Swap". This is merely the start of a nascent publication and not the finished product. What the succeeding issues of **THE FARE BOX** become depends on the concerted opinions of all Collectors.

## THE ATWOOD'S CHECK-LIST

A National Check and Premium List compiled by Mr. Roland C. Atwood is now being printed in loose-leaf form. Besides listing and assigning a number it will show the comparative value of each token. Only the United States section is being prepared at this time.

## THE SATURDAY EVENING POST

An article on Transportation Tokens by Mr. Hammond has been accepted for publication and will appear in an early edition of the Saturday Evening Post. Don't miss it.

## SAN FRANCISCO TRANSIT LINES, INC.

The Municipal Railway of San Francisco may go National City Lines. The issue, if placed on the ballot in this fall's elections will very likely be approved by the populace.

## DISPLAY OF TRANSPORTATION TOKENS

Mr. Elmore F. Lums had his Collection of Transportation Tokens on display at the Fairfield Numismatic Society last month. It was one of the high spots of the show and considerable favorable comment was received.

Introducing: MR. CHARLES R. LAMB A. N. A. 7696

Where the Rail Road ended and the Covered Wagon was the sole means of wheeled transportation to the West, that was Wichita Kansas in the year 1873. In that town on April 9th Mr. Charles R. Lamb was born. His father was the owner and manager of the Occidental Hotel there but in 1876 moved to Kansas City where he dealt in Real Estate for five years before moving again, this time to Elgin Illinois and it was in Elgin where Charley grew to manhood; married his childhood sweet-heart and where his first two sons were born.

He was only eight years of age when his family moved to Elgin but he was already collecting coins, stamps and arrowheads. The Collection of arrowheads was to become quite extensive and finally contained one or more arrowheads or birdpoints from nearly every state in the Union.

At the age of fifteen Charley started carrying his dinner bucket to the Elgin Painting & Decorating Co. where he learned the technical nature of paints, pigments, oils and lacquers.

Around Christmas in 1898 he took his wife and their two infant sons to visit his parents who were then living in Roseland Louisiana. Finding the South more to his liking he remained and there his family increased to two sons and two daughters.

In 1907 they moved again to Davenport Iowa where both Mr. and Mrs. Lamb attended the Palmer School of Chiropractic, after graduating in 1911 they hung out their shingle. Their third son was born in Davenport and they lived in and around that city until 1913 when they went to Spokane Washington.

Came the first World War and he accepted the position of Foreman of Painting at the Stanford Shipyard. In 1920 he began his own business of Painting Contractor which he sold in 1944 when he retired. He then moved to Long Beach Washington where he devotes his time to taking a long walk almost every day on the beach and his two hobbies, Transportation Tokens and Woodworking.

His original Collection of coins kept growing and in 1938 he became a member of the Oregon Coin Club. Still there seemed to be some thing lacking until he found the answer to be Transportation Tokens. Part of his Collection has been on display many times, always receiving favorable comment as he has arranged the tokens to spell out words and slogans. His Collection of Transportation Tokens now number 2,600 and is constantly increasing. Truly a successful and interesting life.

#### IS YOUR ADDRESS SHOWN CORRECTLY?

Please check the address and advise of any errors in the name, POSTAL ZONE NUMBER or street number. Enquire if your Collecting friends have received their sample copy of THE FARE BOX.

#### QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

We should have a department assigned to "Questions & Answers" in the succeeding issues of THE FARE BOX. Most every Collector has one or more problem tokens and some other Collector should be able to clear up the mystery.

Since this is the first publication ever written for Collectors of Transportation Tokens the only guide to a successful career is your opinions (favorable and otherwise). Let's hear from you and how you would run the only publication devoted to Transportation Tokens.

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## UN-IDENTIFIED TOKENS

This is a list of un-identified tokens. Send in the description of your un-identified tokens and they will be published as space allows.

	1	Wm 16 Star-sc	White Star Omnibus Company Good For One Fare	(white metal)
HOUSTON, TEX.	2	Al 20 Solid	Pioneer Bus Co. Good For 12 1/2 Cents in Trade	(aluminum)
AUSTIN, MINN.	3	Wm 24 Solid	Auto Bus Line Mitchell & Olson Good For One Way	
	4	Wm 16 F	National Transportation Co. Good For One Fare	
	5	B 18 Solid	Dixie Cab Co. Incorporated H Good For 1 City Fare	(brass)
BUFFALO, N.Y.	6	Bz 23 C	Crosstown Express Inc. School Token Good For One Fare	(bronze)
	7	B 16 Pc	J. J. T. M. Good For One Ride Same as obverse	(pierced)
	8	Al 19 Solid	County Motorbus Co. E.R. Bush Good For 1 Fare	
	9	B 20 Solid	Terhunes Yellow Bus Line Good For 1 Fare	(octagonal)
	10	B 19 Solid	Leslie D. DuFour Good For One Ride	
	11	B Sq Solid	Graham & Luke Buss Line Good For One Ride From Constans House to Depot	(square)
	12	B 25 Solid	Car Fare Exchange 5¢ Blank	
	13	Wm 21 Bar	West Side Bus Company (bus) Good For One Fare (bus)	
	14	B Oc Solid	L & J Bus Line 1 Trip	
LING, W. VA.	15	Wm Ob Solid	W. J. E. H.R. Co. One Fare Put in Box	(oblong)
WASHINGTON	16	B 24 Solid	Brightwood Bus and Steamer Line BRIGHTWOOD ENG. Good For One Fare	
	17	Al 21 Solid	The Consolidated Street Railway Co. Good For 1 Fare	
	18	Wm 21 Solid	Depot (streetcar) Same as obverse	
	19	B 27 Solid	G & D One Drive Blank	
	20	B 21 Solid	Good For 1 Ride at Stock's Blank	
PHILADELPHIA, PA.	21	B 25 Solid	Fifth & Sixth Same as obverse	
	22	B 39 Solid	Alaska Home Railway Company 8¢ Blank	
	23	B 17 Solid	I T Co. TELEPHONE SLOG. ILLINOIS TELEPHONE CO Same as obverse	
	24	B 25 Ch	Good Only On North Side Bridge Foot Pass. R. L. Orr Supt.	
PHILADELPHIA, PA.	25	Wm 21 Solid	Nicks Brothers Coaches Rice & Wheelock Pkwy. Same as obverse	

Sizes are shown in millimeters. Ch x center holed. -sc x stencil cut.

After a careful survey it seems most Collectors of Transportation Tokens are divided between these two groups; Rail-Fans and Numismatists with a slight majority in favor of the Rail-Fans. In consideration of those who have no Check-list Atwood's Numbers will be translated in full. Should any confusion arise over the terms and abbreviations used a list of meanings will be published on demand.

#### DISPERSAL OF COLLECTORS

This first issue of THE FARE BOX will be sent to about three hundred Collectors many of whom have not been in contact with others before. A quick glance shows the dispersal thus: California and New York about even, Pennsylvania with the largest variety of tokens in third place and just ahead of Illinois. The northern states far exceed the south. Seattle leads all cities regardless of size with Los Angeles second. The dispersal of Collectors will be published from time to time to enable Collectors to watch the vacant areas for new issues that may be un-noticed.

#### ADVERTISING RATES

Until further notice the rates for advertising will be as follows:

One line or fraction of a line of 70 letters or spaces	.40¢
Two lines	.75¢
Three lines	\$1.00
After first three lines each succeeding line or fraction	.25¢

Advertisers should be prepared to receive a strong response and to change their ads accordingly. All advertising matter should be mailed to arrive around the first of each month.

#### NEW ISSUES REPORTED AND BY WHOM

- ✓ Albany, Georgia (J. SMITH Calif.)  
Wm 23 Bar Cities Transit Inc. #4 (bus)  
Good For One Fare (bus)
- ✓ Bridgeport, Connecticut (E. Lumis Conn.)  
Bz-16 Ch Central Bus Bridgeport, Conn. C  
Good For One Fare C
- ✓ Ashland, Oregon (M. Atwood Calif.)  
B 19 St-sc City Bus Co. Good For One Fare (octagonal)  
In Ashland Its the Water

Credit is given to the first person sending in the complete description of a new issue. If city is not known it will appear with the Mavericks on page three.

This News-Letter is starting as a four page affair and unless more difficulties arise the subscription rates will be only one dollar per year sent first class mail. All material accepted for publication to be gratis and written on a separate page apart from your personal letter. As with all publications the Editor reserves the right to revise or reject any material offered either for advertising or as news-item. The next issue should carry a "Questions & Answers" section so send in your questions and the second following issue should bring you information regarding your question. Questions will appear as space allows.

Don't forget THE FARE BOX will be put to bed on the FIFTH of each month and will be posted on or just before the TENTH of each month. Advise if your copy is incorrectly addressed or has the wrong POSTAL ZONE NUMBER.

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From the overwhelming volume of favorable comment received from such a large percentage of the known active Collectors it may be safely said THE FARE BOX has been successfully launched. While some changes may be necessary in future issues the present format seems to be quite acceptable as is. Any suggestions tending to improve THE FARE BOX are always welcome from all Collectors: advanced or beginners.

It is now imperative that THE FARE BOX build up a substantial circulation which will prove beneficial to each and every one alike. The objective remains to provide as much information on transportation tokens to as many Collectors as is possible. A good rule to follow is; if it's about transportation tokens and you find it interesting; the other Collectors will find it equally so.

## THE SATURDAY EVENING POST

The write-up on Transportation Tokens by Mr. Hammond appeared in the July 19th issue ( page 77 ). There still remains the possibility of a re-run in one of the Digests. ( Reader's Digest please note )

## THE SEATTLE TIMES

The Seattle Times of June 22, 1947 featured a two column spread with pictures of Messrs. Meyer, Jefferson, and Rudolph. While no display of tokens was shown the write-up was most interesting.

## THE A. N. A. CONVENTION

During the annual convention of the American Numismatic Association at Buffalo, New York, August 23 thru 27 a display of Transportation Tokens will be on exhibit. All exhibitis are open to the general public.

## VECTURATIST, VECTURALIST, OR ??????

Why not take another step forward and select a name for ourselves as being Collectors of Transportation Tokens? And why not take the step at this very time? From Latin - vectura - fare; money paid for passage; we need only add a suitable suffix and we have our own designation.

At first; it may sound somewhat strange; but not any more so to (The Man in the Street) than trying to explain what you mean by Collector of Transportation Tokens. Not one person in twenty can spell -Numismatist- or even pronounce it correctly, but it doesn't appear to have much ill-effect on Students of the Science of Coins and Medals. Philatelists also seem to be bearing up under their strange sounding appellation.

In fact; we are probably the largest cluster of uni-purpose devotees extant without a distinguishing title. Probably every Collector has given some thought to this perplexing problem at some time or other. Maybe you have a more appropriate answer already. If so, send it in and it will be publicized. If not, which of the two suggested titles would you prefer? THE FARE BOX will tally the Ayes & Nays. One vote to a customer and no shoving.

## Introducing: MR. EROY L. KIMMONS

Unlike most people who spend half a life-time searching for the best place in the world to live Mr. Kimmons never had to search any farther than his native state for two reasons. He was born right there in the Lone Star State July 11th, 1903 and was fortunate enough while still a child to overhear a Texan remark "Texas is the best place in the Whole World bar none". Knowing that no Texan ever exaggerates he was assured that one of Life's major problems was already solved.

When twentyfour years of age he started riding herd on an old style, hand-brake, two truck street car in Austin but soon shifted his saddle to a Birney. After 13 years of "Move to the rear of the car Please ", he changed his plea to "Step to the rear of the bus Please ". Now with his twenty years service he is one of the Old-timers and number fifteen on the Seniority List.

During his first year on the street cars he noticed tokens from other cities coming from his fare box and started saving them. Never realizing ( like many others even today) that any one else would ever be interested in collecting Transportation Tokens. Due to his radio activities in 1933 he received a letter from Mr. Carl Heyn of Chicago regarding streetcar transfers and Tickets. Since in union there is strength-- they merged their efforts and soon were obtaining tickets and transfers from all over the world. Both now have many volumes of these plus their collections of Transportation Tokens.

Mr. Kimmons is well known through out all the United States and many foreign countries and while never much interested in selling tokens is always ready to assist a beginner or swap tokens. His Collection now contains 2,400 U.S. and 200 foreigners. Should any Transportation Token - Collector ever find himself in Austin the Welcome Mat is always out and beer in the Frigidaire at the home of Mr. Eroy L. Kimmons.

## AN EASY METHOD OF MAKING RUBBINGS by M. Edgar Levy

Oftentimes it happens when reporting a new issue or forwarding information about a token to another Collector the terms used are some times vague and the description is so confusing an error results causing loss of time and extra postage. A good rubbing will convey as much information (metal excepted) as the token itself. Many Collectors could benefit by using this simplified procedure ( myself included ) instead of relying on a verbal description.

This system is based on the coin press method but any vise or clamp will serve the purpose. Also needed are two pieces of Masonite or panel board about 2 x 2 inches plus two pieces the same size of sponge rubber similar to that type used for stoker gaskets. This may call for some substitution. Onion skin paper has proved the best for this process.

Cut the onion skin to fit ( folded) over the token, dampen the paper slightly and place between the two pieces of sponge rubber and this in turn between the two backings ( Masonite or panel board ) then place the entire assembly in the clamp or vise.

After about fifteen seconds pressure remove the entire assembly from the vise as one unit. Lift the top backing and remove the rubber on top replace backing and turn the remaining assembly over and lift off both backing and rubber. You now have the token still in the onion skin laying on the bottom backing which provides a smooth solid surface for applying the powdered graphite or pencil lead. Replace top backing before turning over to apply graphite to unfinished side.

With some practice this method will produce clear impressions showing the token in exact detail and also the relationship of the reverse to the obverse.

# MAVERICKS.

The tokens listed below are      That is, the place where they were used is not known. Send in the complete description of your Mavericks and they will be listed as space allows. If you are able to supply any information ( or even a lead ) it will be appreciated.

- 1 Fy 40 Solid J.A.Maddox Transfer Phone 55 Good to Return  
Blank
- 2 Fb 40 Solid Nevins & Mallery Bus Line Not Good From Depot to Hotel  
Good From Hotel to Depot ( numbers )
- 3 B 28 Solid Good For One Ride W.Smyth  
Blank
- 4 B 35 Solid Newberry's Bus Line Good For One Ride From Hotel to Depot  
Blank
- 5 B 29 Solid Newberry's Bus Line Good For One Ride From Hotel to Depot  
Blank
- 6 St 19 T Transit Fareguard Corp. ( plated )  
Good For One Fare
- UNGT, Conn? B 16 Bar City Bus Line (bus)  
Good For One Fare (bus)
- ONVILLE, Fla. S B 24 M-sc Beach Motor Transit Co. B T  
Same as obverse
- 9 St 16 S Allocated Metal Tokens  
Good For One Fare
- NT, W, VA. 10 B 16 Solid TCCo. Good For One 10/c Fare  
Same as obverse
- 11 B 20 Solid L & D  
( design )
- 12 Bz 26 Solid Hill & Horner Trans. Co. Inc.  
Hill & Horner Trans. Co. 10/c
- 13 Wm 16 R Rainbow Bridge  
Same as obverse
- 14 B 21 Solid Oak Hill Ferry  
One Fare 1
- 15 Al 28 Solid Steam Riding Gallery Good For One Ride ( Canada ? )  
N.M.Kent & Co. 5 Cents Keep Your Seats Till Machine  
Stops to Avoid Danger
- 16 B 20 Solid Charon & Bourgette  
One Ride 5/c Carrette ( Canada ? )
- DeChile 17 Al 26 Solid Ferro Carril del Norte 2 Reales  
Same as obverse
- PA 18 Wm 16 L-sc Lincoln Bus Lines  
Good for One Fare
- SEA Ky. 19 Fm 23 Solid H<sup>2</sup>S ( in monogram )  
School Token

## JULY MAVERICKS

- # 6 Buffalo, N.Y. ( un-confirmed )
- # ~~16 Washington, D.C. ( un-confirmed )~~ See Oct-1947
- # 21 Philadelphia, Penn. ( un-confirmed )
- # 23 Illinois Telephone Co. telephone slug ( confirmed )
- # 25 St. Paul, Minn. trade check ( confirmed )

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## RELUCTANT DRAGONS AND DETOURS

Numerous Collectors have requested THE FARE BOX to post warnings against those transportation companies which have a bad habit of accepting contributions. Another class of companies will eventually send you as many as two tokens for your dollar. This News-letter will perform a service to Collectors by publishing a list of ( Detours ) occasionally. However since letters and tokens are sometimes lost in the mail no company will be posted until confirmed by two or more Collectors.

For each individual Collector to find the right companies has proven rather costly in many cases. We should warn each other to detour around certain companies and every Collector has a few scars still showing.

## NEW ISSUES REPORTED AND BY WHOM

- ✓ Greeley, Colo. ( R. Frisbee )  
B 16 St-sc Greeley Transportation Co.  
Good For One Fare ( no crosses on )
- ✓ Columbia, S.C. ( H. Porter )  
A1 19 Solid Columbia Electric Street Railway Columbia, S.C. C (copper C)  
Good For One Fare C ( copper C )
- ✓ Akron, Ohio ( F. Church )  
Ze 22 A Portage Lakes Transportation Co.  
Good For One City Fare
- ✓ Akron, Ohio ( F. Church )  
Wm 16 A A. T. Co. Akron  
Good For One City Fare
- ✓ Fon du Lac, Wisc. ( F. Church )  
Wm 16 W-sc Fon du Lac City Lines  
Good For One Fare
- ✓ Knoxville, Tenn. ( F. Church )  
Wm 19 K Knoxville Transit Lines 1944  
Good For One Fare
- ✓ Niles, Ohio ( F. Church )  
Ze 16 Solid Niles Transit Lines Ohio B  
Good For One Fare B

## PAY DIRT AND WHERE TO FIND IT

Using your Editor's experience as a norm the two best reliable sources are your local transportation company where you may buy whatever is available at fare rate. But here the tokens offered will be limited to size and area. However some companies do not sell tokens to Collectors and other companies simply do not have out-of-towns. The exchanging of tokens is conducted thru the parent company.

By trading with your Fellow-collector you will obtain all sizes and shapes and just as cheap. All Collectors have a stock of duplicates to dispose of and are not interested in any profit. This would be a poor means of gaining one's daily bread. Other places to prospect are your local coin dealer ( but watch the prices ), and operators of pin ball machines and jute boxes. In some cities the telephone company may have a few tokens and if so they are the large sizes.

U. S. Fare Chex Will Buy Swap or Sell. Also U.S. Mint Comm. Stamps and Arrow-head Collection to Swap for U.S. Fare Chex My Choice. Send Token List with 1st letter. Felton W. Smith 128 Redfield Place Syracuse 10, N.Y.

100 All Different Fare Chex for \$10.00. 1 Buy Sell Trade Collection comprises over 4,600 different U. S. & Foreign with 3,500 spares in Duplicate Ray B. Cooper 4006 Potomac Avenue Chicago 51, Illinois



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Prior to the A. N. A. convention THE FARE BOX was informed space for exhibiting Transportation Tokens would be provided. So far as is known exhibit space was available. It now becomes the sad duty of Your Publication to inform you no collection of Vecturas was displayed. Of course it may be the A. N. A. convention is not the proper background for such displays. Since no Vecturalist would care to risk having his collection pushed aside to make room for another Collection of round pieces of metal having a higher retail value. It could be the time has come to proceed to the next paragraph:

## WANTED! A LEADER; OR SEVERAL LEADERS!

THE FARE BOX has been doing some pulse-feeling in regards to a meeting of Vecturalists in 1948. While no city for such a get-together has been mentioned the idea has met with approval from the small percentage of Vecturalists contacted. It could be the time has come to establish an organization of our own. An organization where each and every member could have the same status and no member need fear his collection would not be acceptable. Most of us take a trip somewhere every summer anyway and what would be more enjoyable than meeting the fellow you have been writing to all these years? But we need a Leader to get this idea into concrete form. Or several Leaders; one for each district. Dues must be provided to pay the various expenses which will be incurred. But a Leader is needed; not just some one to walk in front. THE FARE BOX hereby offers its pages and services to further the CAUSE.

There will be some who will say, "it can't be done." Your Editor asks those to please make up a list of ten reasons why it can't be done. And should this prove difficult, then add a few reasons why it can be done.

After all: "None but the brave deserves the Fare."

## THE NATIONAL CHECK & PREMIUM LIST by Mr. Roland C. Atwood.

The Check-list will soon be ready for distribution and Mr. Atwood is now accepting orders. This is the U. S. Section, loose leaf and without binder. The symbols contained are standard and used by practically all collectors and will be used in THE FARE BOX in the future.

## MOUNTING TOKENS

Another problem for most Vecturalists is how to mount tokens in such a manner that additions can be made without disturbing too many already mounted. Send in any tips you have to facilitate the mounting of tokens and others will certainly appreciate them.

## MATERIAL FOR PUBLICATION

THE FARE BOX could use much more information regarding certain kinds of Transportation Tokens. The info you have may be just what is lacking to complete an article for publication.

Introducing; MR. ELMORE F. LUMIS

No doubt you have seen news-reels showing cars crashing thru burning buildings, crashing head on, being driven blindfolded, one car hurdling over another or crashing head on in mid-air. Possibly you have been at fairs or shows and saw all this Suicide, Inc. in the flesh. You may have commented to the person along side. "My Word, Old Boy! What a beastly manner to gain one's livelihood?" The driver who crawled out and strolled away could well have been Elmore F. Lumis. But known at that time under the name Buddy Lamar and his All American Death Dodgers. LU from Lumis and MAR from Martin - a boyhood pal.

But beginning at the beginning which was November 1, 1906 in Rockville, Connecticut. Buddy was a born acrobat and when only three years old was already adept at hand springs, head stands, climbing, and flips & falls. When he was twelve years old he un-parked his father's car on a sloping street and in spite of pulling and pushing all the gadgets in the car he crashed thru a board wall at the end of the cul de sac. Off to the hospital where it was found all he had was a scratched elbow until he got back home to papa.

His first job was as usher in a theatre but he soon became Assistant Manager and conducted Amateur Nights, Pie Eating contests and publicity stunts of all kinds. In 1930 he married Miss Myrtle King of New Haven; soon after he started the All American Death Dodgers with eight drivers and ten cars. In spite of the dangers which run all the way from losing the change out of your pockets to being served a summons by the Old Man with the Scythe everything went fine until the Ration Board came along.

Living then in Bridgeport he convinced the Connecticut Co. he could drive and they took the chance. He soon noticed a token of the Georgia Power Co. and decided to save the several he might get. Buddy & Myrtle and their four daughters now have over 1,200 tokens, thousands of transfers besides a complete set of Lincoln cents for each of the daughters.

A happy family and one to visit when in Bridgeport.

#### THE DEPOTELS

This class of tokens; the Depot to Hotel and Hotel to Depot and some which read Drummer's Checks make up one of the most desirable divisions of Transportation Tokens. All are scarce and most can easily be termed RARE. The principal reason for the scarcity of these is that they were not issued for use by the general public. In the Early Days an agent of one hotel would meet the trains to solicit clients from among the travelers. Traveling Salesmen were known as Drummers in those days.

When the agent for the hotel had a client (landed) he handed him a token valid for the return trip to be used at his convenience. In some cases the hotel had its own hack line but any Public Hack would accept the Hotel to Depot token as fare. The Depot to Hotel token was given to the hack driver by the hotel's agent and these were promptly cashed in; whereas the return tokens were often misplaced and would be carried off by the Drummers. And these return tokens are the ones most often found.

The large size of the Depotels tends to impede their flow along the ordinary channels into the hands of Collectors and there is good reason to believe many Depotels have not yet been discovered.

#### ADVERTISERS USING ATWOOD'S NUMBERS

Starting with the October issue THE FARE BOX will accept ads made up with Atwood's Numbers. This will afford the Advertiser an opportunity to describe 20 or 30 different tokens to the line. The rates are:

One line or fraction (70 letters or spaces)	.40/c
Two lines or fraction	.75/c
Three lines or fraction	\$1.00
After first three lines each succeeding line or fraction	.25/c

# MAVERICKS

1. Wm 21 Solid Good for n Fare  
Same e as obverse
2. Wm 16 L Employees Only  
Good For One City Fare
3. B 25 Solid S.A.R.T. St. R. R. Co.  
School  $\frac{1}{2}$  Fare

## AUGUST MAVERICKS

- # 17 Santiago de Chile (un-confirmed)
- # 18 Hanover, Pennsylvania (confirmed)
- # 19 Jefferstown, Kentucky (confirmed)

Translations of terms appearing on German Transportation Tokens. Due to the dissimilarity of the characters of the two languages there are a few cases where the phonetic equivalent has been used.

Andenken an die Sächsische Bayrische Eisenbahn Souvenir of the Saxon-Bavarian Railroad		Arbeiter Marke Workman's token	
Bahnhof Railway station	Beamtenmarke Official's token	Brücktor Bridge Gate	Der Teufel im Dom The Devil in Cathedral
Der Teufels Grossmutter im Dom The Devil's Grandmother, etc.	Die Bahn wurde eröffnet The R.R. was inaugurated		Dienst Marke Pass
Eigentum d. Strassenbahn Property of St. Ry. Co.	Emmerstor Emmers Gate	Fachschule f. Korbflechterei Factory-school for basketmaking	
Fahr Marke für Kinder Fare token for children	Frei-Fahmarke Free token (police etc.)	Fünfeckiger Turm Pentagon Tower	
Gänse-Männchen The Goose Boy	Gültig für eine Fahrt Good for one fare	Gültig nur an Werktagen Valid only on weekdays	
Henkersteg Hangman's Gate	Hochbahn Elevated Ry.	Kinder Marke Child's token	Kreisbahn District St. Ry. Co.
Kunstbrunnen Fountain of Fine Arts	Luginsland Look-out	Mietkraft Drive yourself	Neutorzwinger New gate Keeper
Nur gültig mit gleichzeitig gelöstem Fahrschein Only valid with travel ticket		1 Fahrt im Abonnement 1 fare (commuter)	
Ohne Fahrt Unter-brechung Without stop-over privilege		Pferdebahn Horse Ry.	
		Post und Telegraphenbeamte Post and telegraph officials	
Rathaus City Hall	Römerturm Roman Tower	Schüler Marke School token	Spittler Tor Hospital Gate
		Städtischen Of the city	
Thor-Sperre Toll Gate	(parapeted)	Tugend Brunnen Fountain of Virtue	Umsteigekontrollmarke Transfer controll token
Umsteigemarke Transfer token	Von Leipzig bis Altenburg From Leipzig to Altenburg		Wasser-Speier The Water Sprite

Zahlmarke could be translated as any token bearing a number.

# NEW ISSUES REPORTED & BY WHOM

Albemarle, N.C. (R. Cooper)  
Wm 16 Bar Power City Bus Lines, Inc. (bus)  
Good For One Fare (bus)  
Albemarle, N.C. (R. Cooper)  
Bz 23 Bar Power City Bus Lines, Inc. (bus)  
Good For One School Fare (bus)  
Big Stone Gap, Va. (R. Cooper)  
Al 23 Sd Tri-State Coach Corporation Norton, Va. (octagonal)  
Good For Return Trip R. T. /c 15 /c  
Big Stone Gap, Va. (R. Cooper)  
Al 25 Sd Tri-State Coach Corporation Norton, Va. (octagonal)  
Good For Round Trip R. T. /c 25 /c  
Big Stone Gap, Va. (R. Cooper)  
Al 30 Sd Tri-State Coach Corporation Norton, Va. (octagonal)  
Good For Return Trip R. T. /c 35 /c  
Grand Haven Mich. (R. Cooper)  
Bz 23 Bar Grand Haven Transit Lines, Inc. (bus)  
Good For One Fare (bus)  
Grandville, Mich. (R. Cooper)  
Wm 23 Bar Grandville-Wyoming Transit Co. (bus)  
Good For One Adult Fare (bus)  
Ketchikan, Alas. (R. Cooper)  
Pd 21 Sd Northern Bus Co. (constellation) (gray fibre)  
Good For One Bus Fare Ketchikan Alaska  
Newburg, La. (M. Rost)  
B 18 Sd Newburg Bus Line  
Good For 10 /c  
Newburg, La. (M. Rost)  
B 18 Sd Newburg Bus Line  
Good For 10/c in Trade  
Newburg, La. (M. Rost)  
Pg 16 Sd Newburg Bus Lines (green plastic)  
Good For 10/c in Trade  
Sturgeon Bay, Wisc. (R. Cooper)  
Al 25 Sd Sturgeon Bay Bridge Co. Wis. One Fare  
(bridge)  
Mt. Carmel, etc., Ill. (H. Porter)  
Bz 23 Bar Southern Illinois Transit Lines, Inc. (bus)  
Good For One Fare (bus)

Should these be considered as tokens pertaining to transportation? Both are from Belgium, City of issue not known

Zc 30 Ch Auto-Skooter De Paemelaere Bon Pour 1 Auto 1 ou 2 Personnes  
" " " Goed Voor 1 Auto 1 of 2 Personen  
B 31 Sd Auto-Skooter F. Lefebvre Bon Pour 1 Auto 1 ou 2 Personnes  
" " " Goed Voor 1 Auto 1 of 2 Personen

The latter is octagonal

Mr. C. Logsdon reports (rubbing) three distinct die varieties of Minn. 760J

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## SEATTLE TAKES THE STEP

The Vecturalists living in Seattle have organized a club. Details of the structure have not been received. It is hoped they will become the parent organization for members-at-large until other local clubs can be inaugurated thru-out the country. If Seattle can start a club then the Twin Cities can do the same. And also Los Angeles. Let's get going!

## THE NATIONAL CHECK & PREMIUM LIST by Mr. Roland C. Atwood

The printing of the National Check & Premium List is expected to be completed on or about October 20. Distribution via mail will start immediately the printer makes delivery.

## EUREKAS

Mr. Floyd Hammond wins the key to the token vault with the following Eureka's: a white celluloid of San Diego; a King & Holden Auto Hack Line and a Warner House Bus Line ( both may be depotels ); also a - mystery-token of Kingston, Jamaica. Mr. Clyde A. Logsdon comes second with the three celluloids of Hastings, Nebr.

## ATWOOD'S NUMBERS SUPPLEMENT

Beginning with the November issue THE FARE BOX will publish the Supplement to the National Check & Premium List. Starting with the closing date of the Check-list; May 15, 1947.

## KEY SYSTEM TRANSIT LINES, INC.

Info has been received that Key System will go to a 10/c fare. Use of tokens will be discontinued. Its L. A. sister has petitioned the same.

## SUTLER'S TOKENS

The newer Vecturalists are cautioned to watch for Sutler's Tokens as they search thru accumulations of mixed tokens. These; while not rare; make good swapping material and many Vecturalists also collect Sutler's tokens. They are fairly easy to recognize as most have a regiment number and/or the word SUTLER and many have the Sutler's name. They occur in solid metal and not scroll-cut.

## TEMPORARY ADDRESSES

Subscribers may receive their copy of THE FARE BOX while on vacation or other temporary address by merely requesting same not later than the 25th of the preceding month. The use of stamps of philatelic quality as postage will be a regular procedure.

## SOUVENIR TOKEN OF THE PTC

These tokens ( described in NEW ISSUES ) were issued in proof; to be used the one day only. 700 were issued in all.

Introducing: Mr. Roland C. Atwood

Born in 1896 in Boston, Mass. When 13 years of age his parents moved to a large western cattle ranch where he lived until 1928 when Southern California beckoned and he moved to Los Angeles.

His first token was a celluloid horse car of Kingston, Jamaica which his parents obtained on their honeymoon in 1894. The second token was a Los Angeles Railway on the first day of issue. In 1932 he started to go all out with his hobby and since then has visited more than 1,500 Transit companies in some 1,200 cities of the United States, Canada, Mexico, Cuba, Jamaica, and The Bahamas. At the moment he is en route to Hawaii.

Mr. F. C. Kenworthy first attempted to catalogue all Transportation Tokens but soon passed it on to Mr. R. W. Dunn who in turn gave up and turned the accumulated data over to Mr. Atwood who has carried it on to the present National Check & Premium List now being printed.

He now devotes his full time to the pursuit of Transportation Tokens and travels constantly thru out North America in a specially built and equipped trailer. At some time or other he has visited most all Vecturists and if you continue collecting it is only a matter of time until he rings your door bell.

Translation of terms appearing on French Transportation Tokens. Some tokens listed here are doubtful as to being Vecturas.

Bateaux à vapeur	Trajet partiel	Messageries de L'Ouest Nantes
Steam launches	Zone token	Drayage of West Nantes

Bon pour huit fois	Bon valable jusqu'au 31 Decembre	Caleche
Good for eight times	Valid only until December 31	Post Coach

Diligences pour Poitiers, Tours, Richelieu et Chinon	Torsey - Doubtful
Post Coaches to       "       "       "       "       "	- as fare

Chemin de fer	Dimanches et Fetes exceptes	Une course	Parcours
Railway	Sundays & holidays excepted	One trip	Full trip

- ✓ NEW ISSUES REPORTED & BY WHOM ( continued )
- ✓ Port Washington, Wisc. ( R. Atwood )
- Bz 23 Bar Transit Lines of Wisconsin ( bus )
- Good For One Child's Fare ( bus )
- ✓ Stockport, England ( R. Cooper )
- Cb 22 Sd Stockport Corporation Tramways (Arms) - Cblue
- 1d
- ✓ Stockport, England ( R. Cooper )
- Cp 22 Sd Stockport Corporation Tramways (Arms) - Cpink
- 1d
- ✓ Kingston, Jamaica ( F. Hammond )
- K 28 Sd Kingston, Jamaica ( Man & Saddled horse )
- M. Howard Ferry Grass (Coach & team with driver)

#### NEWBURG TOKENS REPORTED IN SEPTEMBER ISSUE

The Newburg tokens were reported as being Louisiana but the state is in error. The correct state is not yet known.

#### ADVERTISING RATES

One line or fraction of 70 letters or spaces	.40/c
Two lines                                       "	.75/c
Three lines                                    "	\$1.00
After first three lines each succeeding line	.25/c

# MAVERICKS

The tokens listed below are \_\_\_\_\_ That is, the place where they were used is not known. Send in the complete description of your Mavericks and they will be listed as space allows. If you are able to supply any information ( even a lead ) it will be appreciated.

- 1 Pr 22 Sd Atkins Stage Lines Ltd. 1 ( also Pgray & Pblack )  
Same as obverse
- 2 B 24 Sd Border Cities Auto Stage Line  
Good For One Fare 25/c
- 3 B 32 Sd Border Cities Auto Stage Line  
Good For One Fare 35/c
- 4 A1 25 Sd Interurban No. 1  
Interurban No. 2
- 5 B 29 Sd King & Holden Auto Hack Line  
15/c One Way Round Trip 25/c
- 6 A1 21 Ch Ware Harris Bus Line  
Good For One Fare 5/c
- 7 A1 32 Sd Warner House Bus Line One Trip  
Blank

## JULY MAVERICKS

- ✓ # 2 Houston, Texas ( confirmed )
- ✓ # 3 Austin, Minnesota ( confirmed )
- ✓ # 15 Wheeling, West Virginia ( confirmed )
- ✓ # 16 Brightwood, England ( confirmed )

## AUGUST MAVERICKS

- ✓ # 7 Torrington, Conn. ( unconfirmed )
- ✓ # 8 Jacksonville, Florida ( confirmed )
- ✓ # 10 Fairmont, West Virginia ( confirmed )

## NEW ISSUES REPORTED & BY WHOM

- ✓ Lodi, Calif. ( A. Rogers )
- ✓ B 16 L Lodi Transit System  
Good For One Fare
- ✓ Bloomington-Normal, Illinois ( R. Atwood )
- ✓ St 23 Bar Bloomington-Normal City Lines, Inc. ( bus )  
Good For One Half Fare ( bus )
- ✓ Bloomington-Normal, Illinois ( R. Atwood )
- ✓ B 23 Bar Bloomington-Normal City Lines, Inc. ( bus )  
Good For One Half Fare ( bus )
- ✓ Decatur, Illinois ( R. Atwood )
- ✓ B 23 Dibar Decatur City Lines, Inc. ( bus )  
Good For One Half Fare ( bus )
- ✓ Salem, Illinois ( R. Atwood )
- ✓ A1 20 Sd City Bus Inc. Salem, Ill.  
Good For 1 Fare
- ✓ Louisville, Kentucky ( R. Koller )
- ✓ Fm 21 Sd Blue Motor Coach Lines School Check ( square )  
5/c
- ✓ Louisville, Kentucky ( R. Koller )
- ✓ Fg 22 Sd Blue Motor Coach Lines School Check ( oct. ) (pierced )  
Thru Trip
- ✓ Murray, Kentucky ( R. Cooper )
- ✓ Wm 23 Bar Murray Transit Corp. ( bus )  
Good For One Fare ( bus )
- ✓ Jefferson City, Mo. ( R. Atwood )
- ✓ Bz 23 Dibar Jefferson City Lines Inc. ( bus )  
Good For One Half Fare ( bus )
- ✓ Moberly, Missouri ( E. Levy )
- ✓ Wm 16 Sd Moberly City Lines M & W ( Murkin & Wisdom )  
Good For One Fare ( bus )

NEW ISSUES REPORTED & BY WHOM ( continued )

- ✓ Sedalia, Missouri ( R. Atwood )  
Al 21 Sd Sedalia Bus Co. Sedalia, Mo.  
Good For 1 Fare
- ✓ Fremont, Nebraska ( R. Cooper )  
Wm 16 F Fremont City Lines  
Good For One Fare
- ✓ Hastings, Nebraska ( C. Logsden )  
Cg 22 Sd Hastings Improvement Company Hastings (same Cwhite & Cred)  
One Fare 5 Cents ( pierced )
- ✓ Lincoln, Nebraska ( F. Hammond )  
B 27 Sd C. H. St. Ry. Co. One Fare Lincoln, Nebr. (octagonal)  
Going to Harris and Harris for Real Estate ( horsecar )
- ✓ Kannapolis, North Carolina ( R. Cooper )  
Wm 16 Sd Carolina Coach Company K  
Good For One Fare K
- ✓ Boardman, Ohio ( R. Koller )  
Wm 16 Bar Boardman Transit Co. 1  
Good For One Full Fare Zone One 1
- ✓ Lima, Ohio ( R. Koller )  
Wm 16 L-sc Lima City Lines, Inc.  
Good For One Fare
- ✓ Piqua, Ohio ( W. Whitfield )  
Bz 16 P Dodge Taxi & Bus Co. Piqua, O.  
Good For One Bus Fare
- ✓ Piqua, Ohio ( W. Whitfield )  
Bz 23 Bar Dodge Taxi & Bus Co. Piqua, O. ( bus )  
Good For One Half Fare ( bus )
- ✓ Hannover, Penn. ( K. Snyder )  
Wm 16 L-sc Lincoln Bus Lines  
Good For One Fare
- ✓ Philadelphia, Penn. ( R. Cooper )  
Bz 32 H3 New Streamliners Route 23 PTC  
Good For One Round Trip Fare PTC
- ✓ Lubbock, Texas ( W. Liddell )  
Wm 16 L Lubbock Bus Co. Lubbock, Tex.  
Good For One Fare
- ✓ Big Stone Gap, Virginia ( K. Snyder )  
Wm 19 Sd Tri-State Coach Co. 5/c  
Good Only as Payment For Transportation on Coalfield  
Division of Tri-State Coach Co.
- ✓ Big Stone Gap, Virginia ( K. Snyder )  
B 23 Sd Tri-State Coach Co. 10/c  
Good Only as Payment For Transportation on Coalfield  
Division of Tri-State Coach Co.

Will pay \$2.00 each for certain old horse car or celluloid fare tokens  
I need - especially interested in South American ones-50/c to \$1.00 each  
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WANTED: Transportation Tokens: Will buy or trade tokens with other  
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Walter W. Underwood 2517 O Street Sacramento 16, California

SPECIAL:-White, Red, Green Celluloids, Hastings, Neb. 22mm Pc. \$5.00 per  
set. Limit 1 set. 100 diff. checks \$9.00 1000 mixed (only 1 lot) \$50.00  
250 diff. checks (one only) \$27.50 Clyde Logsden, 724 Bancroft Omaha, Neb.



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The Seattle Transportation Token Club will be primarily for Collectors residing in Washington state only. Membership of Vecturallists of other states will not be encouraged at this time.

## DISPLAY OF OLD TIME TOKENS

The New Mexico State Fair is displaying a frame of Old Horse car & other tokens from the Whitfield Collection.

## GOOD FOR ONE FARE not GOOD FOR ONE FARE

Possibly you have wondered what happens when a case of this kind occurs? Passengers using a token for fare on the Key System must pay one cent additional.

## THE NEWBURG BUS LINE

The Newburg Bus Line was started on September 6, 1938 with one five passenger car by the Rev. Samuel H. Young. The operating equipment is now six large buses.

## EUREKA

Hammond, Ind. ( R. Cooper )  
Wm 23 ST-sc Chicago & Calumet District Transit Co. Inc.  
Good For One Ten Cent Fare

The above Eureka was never issued and is very rare

## THE GROSSE ILE BRIDGE TOKENS

This Island, lying just opposite Wyandotte & Trenton in the Detroit River is a favorite residential area for the wealthier Michiganders. At the southern end of the Island is a U.S. Naval Air Station. At one time the Island was connected to both Canada & Michigan by a railroad bridge but only the vestiges remain today. The Island is about 9 miles long by 2 miles wide and is reached by a county free bridge at the southern end while the northern end is served by the Grosse Ile Bridge Co.

The tokens; both 35mm & 39mm are round trip tolls (25¢) valid for a car & driver. The numbers counterstamped from 1 to 5 denote toll ( 2¢ paid for extra passengers. Toll is collected when entering onto the Island with exit free.

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

The year 1917 marks the beginning of the upward trend in fare rates; prior to that year 98% of all electric street railways in the U.S. had a full fare rate of five cents or less. Six companies had at that time a six cent fare. Probably the all time ( Low ) occurred during the summer months of 1915 when the Cleveland Railway Co. carried passengers on its line between the Public Square and the East 9th St. Docks for a 1¢ fare. No transfers were issued or accepted. Another record was from August 10 to October 10, 1932 when the Bakersfield & Kern Electric Co. ( In Bakersfield ) carried passengers during the non-rush hours free. The fare at that time being 10¢ or 7 tokens for 50¢.

Introducing: Mr. Charles W. Houser

In 1929 the Lehigh Walley Transit Co. Changed from the two-man operation to the one-man set-up and this created such a surplus of Conductors & Motormen no new ones were needed until 1933. When hiring resumed in 1933 the first to be hired was Mr. Charles W. Houser. He was then 21 and besides being a philatelist was an avid Rail-fan so this employment was just what he had always wanted.

Like others; he had noticed foreign tokens in the fare box but never thought much about them until one day while chatting with a waitress at THE OLD SUN INN at Bethlehem, Pa. she showed him a bracelet made of some 200 vecturas and another Vecturalist was born.

Of the many new employees in 1942 several were Token Savers and this led to much swapping. One fellow employee was a numismatist and showed him a copy of the Numismatic Scrapbook with Mr. Morganthau's Check List and he started writing to other companies for their tokens.

In 1937 he took on a couple of passengers; one of whom was the scantily clad little boy with the quiver of arrows; the other being the future Mrs. Charles W. Houser. Marrying in 1939 they now have a daughter Susan, 7 and Charles, Jr. ( Butch ) 6 years of age.

All four take an active part in the various collections of Rail-pix, stamps, tokens, transfers and tickets; and make all the Rail-fan trips. Being Circulation Manager for the National Railway Historical Society & member of the Central Electric Railfan Association; the Railway and Locomotive Historical Society; the Electric Railroaders Association & the Lehigh Model Railroad Society he doesn't have much time for thumb-twiddling. But anyone who keeps to occupied can manage to be contented.

#### HOW THE HASTINGS CELLULOIDS WERE FOUND

A friend of mine; formerly of Hastings; and I make a trip to the vicinity of that city annually during the hunting season. On our trip in 1946 he told me of a coin Collector who had some transportation tokens, and we decided to take a day off from hunting and visit this Collector. Among the tokens was a set of the Hastings Improvement Company and also a Citizens St. R.R. Co. in brass. - Neb440a -

While we were chatting and looking over his coins he told me about a lady he knew that had a cane made of the Hastings celluloids but didn't know exactly where she then resided. Noticing that he still needed several dates of silver dollars that while not very scarce; did not circulate freely in that area. I made a list of them and asked him to try to get more information on her present address and I would pick up some of the dollars for his collection.

After sending him some of the needed dollars I managed to complete a swap whereby I obtained the white celluloid and the Neb440a. Finally he told me he had found the new address of the owner of the cane and I immediately wrote her and I was invited to call but it was several months before I could get up that way again. When I did get an opportunity to visit that town I spent several hours before I could locate her and she held the cane in such sentimental value; it having been made by her father and she was then 91; my offer was not accepted. So I returned home empty handed. After about a year from the time I first heard of the tokens I received a letter from the people with whom the lady had stayed, that she had passed away and that the cane was now in possession of her sister-in-law. Also that my offer was now acceptable.

While little is known regarding the exact years these tokens were in use it is certain they pre-date the Citizens St. R.R. Co. Would like to hear from anyone having any still solid ( un-pierced ) or anyone having any of the early day tokens of Beatrice, Nebraska.

Clyde A. Logsdon

## NEW ISSUES REPORTED &amp; BY WHOM

Texarkana, Ark-Tex. ( R. Cooper )  
 Wm 23 Bar Texarkana Bus Company ( bus )  
 Good For One Fare ( bus )  
 Franklin Park, Ill. ( K. Snyder )  
 Wm 23 Bar Leyden Motor Coach Co. Local Zone  
 Good For One Fare Local Zone  
 Boone, Iowa & Beatrice, Nebr. ( E. Levy )  
 Wm 16 B Boone-Beatrice Bus Service  
 Good For One Fare  
 Frankfort, Ky. ( R. Cooper )  
 Bz 16 CH Capital Transit Co. Frankfort, Ky. ( bus )  
 Good For One Fare  
 Grand Haven, Mich. ( K. Snyder )  
 Wm 23 Bar Grand Haven Transit Lines ( bus )  
 Good For One Child's Fare ( bus )  
 Ludington, Mich. ( R. Cooper )  
 Bz 23 Bar Ludington Transit Lines, Inc. ( bus )  
 Good For One Adult Fare ( bus )  
 Ludington, Mich. ( R. Cooper )  
 Bz 23 Bar Ludington Transit Lines, Inc. ( bus )  
 Good For One Child's Fare ( bus )  
 Muskegon, Mich. ( R. Cooper )  
 Wm 21 P Peoples Transport Corp.  
 Good For One Half Fare  
 Crookston, Minn. ( K. Snyder )  
 Bz 16 Bar Crookston Transportation Co. ( bus )  
 Good For One Fare ( bus )  
 Minneapolis, Minn. ( K. Snyder )  
 KA 16 SQ Minneapolis St. Ry. Co. M ( copper alloy )  
 D.J. Strouse Good For One Fare M  
 Minneapolis, Minn. ( R. Cooper )  
 B 16 SQ Minneapolis St. Ry. Co. M  
 D.J. Strouse Good For One Fare M  
 North St. Paul, Minn. ( R. Cooper )  
 B 25 Sd L T B ( in monogram ) - Lester T. Bannon -  
 Good For 12 1/2 Ride  
 North St. Paul, Minn. ( R. Cooper )  
 Wm 25 Sd L T B ( in monogram ) - Lester T. Bannon -  
 Good For 16 2/3 Ride  
 St. Paul, Minn. ( K. Snyder )  
 K 16 S The St. Paul City Ry. Co.  
 E.O. Crosby Treas. Good For One Fare  
 Great Falls, Mont. ( R. Cooper )  
 B 16 G Great Falls City Lines  
 Good For One Fare  
 Rockville Centre, N.Y. ( F. Hammond )  
 Wm 23 Bar Rockville Centre Bus Corp.  
 Good For One Fare Rockville Centre  
 Mahanoy City, Penn. ( H. Porter )  
 B 21 S Schuylkill Transit Co.  
 Good For Miner Fare Only  
 Port Washington, Wisc. ( R. Cooper )  
 Bz 23 Bar Transit Lines of Wisconsin ( Port Washington )  
 Good For One Fare ( bus ) on War  
 Washington, D.C. ( W. Whitfield )  
 Bz 23 Sd Wash. Va. & Md. C. Co. Arnold Lines WM  
 Good For One Fare WM

# Explanation of Abbreviations, Symbols & Terms used in The National Check & Premium List by Roland C. Atwood

Each city has been assigned a number. Each token is designated by a capital letter. The small o following code letter denotes token is obsolete. Next symbol denotes material of which token is made. Sizes shown are in millimeters. Next Symbol denotes the device of the token. Tokens shown here have been issued or discovered since May 15, 1947

HX - Hexagonal

OV - Oval

OB - Oblong

SQ - Square

OC - Octagonal

## Materials

A Aluminum  
B Brass  
Bz Bronze  
C Celluloid

F Fibre & paper  
Gm Gun metal  
K Copper  
L Lead

P Plastic  
Pt Pewter  
S Steel  
Sv Silver

V Vulcanite  
Wm White metal  
Z Zinc

## Colors

A Azure  
B Blue  
C Carmine  
D Gray

E Black  
G Green  
I Brown  
K Cream

L Lemon  
M Maroon  
O Orange  
P Pink

R Red  
U Violet  
W White  
Y Yellow

## Devices

Ball  
Bar  
BH - Beehive  
BL - Bell  
CH - Center holed  
CS - Cross  
CT - Crescent

DD - Diamond  
HT - Heart  
OV - Oval  
PC - Pierced  
RO - Rosette  
-sc Scroll cut  
SD - Solid

SH - Shamrock  
SM - Semicircle  
SQ - Square  
ST - Star  
TR - Triangle  
WD - Wedge

## ALABAMA

- ✓ 120 I Wm 23 Bar Gardiner Bus Lines ( bus )  
Good For 15¢ Cash Fare ( bus )
- ✓ 220 H Bz 23 D Decatur City Lines Alabama  
Good For One School Fare

## ARIZONA

- ✓ 840 D Wm 23 Sd Tucson Rapid Transit Co. T  
Good For One Fare T

## ARKANSAS

- ✓ 885 G Wm 23 Bar Texarkana Bus Company ( bus )  
Good For One Fare ( bus )

## CALIFORNIA

- ✓ 125 C B 16 C-sc Bay Rapid Transit  
One Fare Carmel
- ✓ 435 B B 16 L Lodi Transit System  
Good For One Fare
- ✓ 445 B Wm 16 Sd Long Beach Lines ( skyline of ship & city )  
Good For One Fare
- ✓ 745 Ko Cw 23 Sd San Diego Street Car Co.  
One Fare

Hilo, Hawaii ( R. Atwood )  
Fw 32 Sd Waiakea Mill Co. 10 Bus Token ( white paper & metal rim )  
Same as obverse  
Same as above but 15  
Same as above but 20  
Fr 32 Sd Waiakea Mill Co. 15 Bus Token ( red paper & metal rim )  
Same as obverse  
Same as above but 20  
All the above are Employee's Zone tokens

#### ANOTHER DISPLAY

Mr. F. Hammond will have his collection on display until November 15, at the West Springfield Library of West Springfield, Mass. We could use more Vecturalists like F. Hammond.

¡Clan! ¡Clan! ¡Clan! Sonó el Tranvía! by A. C. Zakor  
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Mexico, the land of enchantment! Mexico, the land of enterprise! Where the old blends with the new to lend itself to such intriguing contrast that it holds a certain fascination for all who visit her. This stimulating " differentness ", this conmingling of the old with the new, can be seen at every turn by the newcomer to Mexico.

While traveling down the modern, well-paved highways, there can be seen remnants of ancient Aztec culture, stately medieval palaces and magnificent cathedrals flanked by modernistic edifices.

Sharp and dramatic contrast is evident even in transportation, side by side the airplane, the ox cart, side by side the automobile, the pack burros. Transportation in Mexico is progressing into a most compact and up-to-date system. T. W. A. and American Airlines furnish Mexico with swift daily flights. Interurban bus lines, using modern up-to-date buses, equal to our transcontinental buses, crisscross the country. But this is a story of Mexico's urban transportation.

Squeaking tranvías ( streetcars ) and roughshod camiones ( buses ) wander every which way in the cities of Mexico. The tranvías rattle along on broad gauge rails which, in most cases, run close to the curb. Some of the streets are so narrow that when the tranvía takes a corner to the right, the body of the vehicle is liable to be over the sidewalk. And down Mexico way, señor pedestrian must be continually on guard. However, frequent service is provided and the passenger never has to wait long for a car at any point for there is no man-power shortage here. This service, though, may depend upon a lot of things. For instance, early morning trips might be held up by a fruit or vegetable car which is running along, peddling its produce to the itinerant shop keepers along the way. These cars roll along, wedged in between the regular passengers cars. At times the clang, clang is terrific, especially if a fruit vendor pauses to pass the time of day with some dark-eyed señorita.

The trainmen, and this seems to be universal throughout Mexico, wear no set uniforms. They are given an identification badge to wear on whatever clothes they choose. For instance, a motorman on a car may like the importance of a tall sombrero while his conductor wears the conventional straw hat in summer and felt in the winter.

continued next month

# VARIETIES REPORTED

Mr. K. Snyder reports the tokens of Minneapolis & St. Paul have been dipped, some in bronze, some in a white alloy and some in brass due to the increase in fare. Mr. R. Cooper reports the Ky. Traction & Terminal Co. tokens formerly used in Lexington are now being used in Paducah due to a change of fares in the latter city.

Mr. K. Snyder also reports a die variety of the 707 Bus of Red wing, Minn. The word BUS on it is struck in entirely different type than formerly. A token of the Cross Transit Corp. of Kokomo has been dipped in brass but the reason is not known. A die variety of the Wm 23 Bar Burlington Transportation Co. also reported; different size type.

Want to swap Transportation Tokens? 100 - 50 - or 25 all different for a like amount all different in return. Will also buy.  
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Correspondence invited:

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I The undersigned has a lot of TRADING MATERIAL in TOKENS T

D For OLD ones he needs O

K Offers ( odds ) for them - K

E 2, 3, 5 ( or more ) in exchange E

N Also sells N

S 100, all different, 200, all different, at 10¢ each S

in lots of 100 - No returns - My choice only

T WILL TRADE T

D 100, all different even 1 for 1 - unsight - unseen O

Send a card first that they are being sent,

S And MINE will be despatched before your TOKENS arrive S

N ONLY COMMON Stuff, so don't be too hopeful! E

A WRITE: L

P Ray B. Cooper, 4006 Potomac Ave., Chicago 51, Illinois L

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL VECTURALISTS EVERYWHERE

The year 1947 will soon be gone to where ever it is that good years go. With the exception of Charles W. Houser who suffered a severe accident last spring and was hospitalized for several weeks and lost considerable time from work and Max Schwartz whom this issue will find in the hospital convalescing from an operation it has not been a bad year for all the Vecturalists; so far as is known to The Fare Box.

We have all added many tokens to our respective collections and met many new Collectors and made new friends. Another "Laurel" which can be bestowed on 1947 is not many tokens were issued in zinc, and very few were of steel. Brass, bronze, and white metal are predominating again as before the recent war.

Last; but not least; The Fare Box was not even thought of one short year ago. While no complaints have been received from Reader's Digest regarding overcrowding the periodical field, by and large, Your Monthly News-letter hasn't done too badly. While many Vecturalists have not yet sent in a list of the names and addresses of other Collectors with whom they correspond they are slowly being found anyway. The year 1948 should be an even better year. At least let's hope and TRY.

## COPIES OF THE FARE BOX LOST IN THE MAILS

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## THE McDONALD BUS LINES TOKENS

The 16 millimeters are reported to be valid as fares in the following towns: Girard, Mineral Ridge, Niles, and McDonald. The larger ones are reported as inter-city fares valid between any of the four cities. Apparently their use as fares in Youngstown is limited.

## HASTINGS, NEBRASKA HORSE CARS

Conclusive information has recently been found by Mr. C. A. Logsdon which tends to confirm The Citizens St. R.R. Co. and Hastings Home Improvement Co. as having operated horse cars in Hastings, Nebraska from about 1880 to 1888.

## THE FARE BOX VIA AIR MAIL

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## Introducing: MR. EDWARD C. RUDOLPH

Born on November 26, 1914 in the best state in the Union and in the principal city of the State of Washington; good old Seattle. Realizing that Dad knew best he has always lived in Seattle, except for a period of five years which were spent in an orphanage in Tacoma.

After finishing school he started working at an Iron Works where he labored for four years. Quitting this he went to Boeing Aircraft Company but found this work rather monotonous. In 1939 he took the Civil Service examination for Transit Operator. In 1940 his name was reached on the register and he was called to take the student training. Starting with gasoline powered buses, then to the diesels and finished with the Trackless Trolleys.

In 1943 he recognized the Hobby of all Hobbies and began to collect Transportation Tokens. Being a Bus Driver the tokens came in thick and fast but soon moderated to a more regular flow. Realizing however that the hobby needs co-operation between Collectors he started corresponding and swapping with others through out the country and soon some of the Toughies began to take their proper places in the Rudolph Collection. Besides building up a collection of more than 2,400 in less than five years he has made many friends in all parts of the United States. The tokens have been mounted on loose leaf pages showing both obverse and reverse.

Edward has; besides one of the sweetest wives in the world; a small daughter six years of age who also chose the month of Roast Turkey and Cranberry Sauce to celebrate her birthday anniversaries.

The Rudolphs have been visited by many Vecturalists from all parts of the country and the Welcome Mat is always out to any Collector who happens to be in Seattle with the time to spare.

### WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

A few of the more prominent Collectors of Transportation Tokens are of the opinion we; as Vecturalists; would do well to become members of the American Numismatic Association. While many Vecturalists have been members of the A. N. A. for years; many others have no knowledge whatever as to what the A. N. A. is. A short sketch might be in order. The American Numismatic Association is primarily for Numismatists, however these same Numismatists often have collections of items other than numismatics. The A. N. A. is composed of some 8000 members living in all parts of the world. Its Officers (elected) and ALL MEMBERS who care to attend, meet once yearly in convention, which was held this year in Buffalo. The one for 1948 will be in Boston and San Francisco will see it in 1949. Voting for all Officers is via mail and not more than 10% of the members attend conventions regardless of where they may be held and while any member of the A. N. A. could exhibit his Transportation Tokens; the fact is THEY DO NOT. This past convention was probably the greatest in their history but NO VECTURAS were on display although the space was available and a notice to this effect was published prior to the convention.

There are others; both Numismatists and Vecturalists; who feel that numismatics are numismatics and vecturas are vecturas. There are some who feel we should have an organization of Vecturalists but no one has made much effort yet to start one. The A. N. A. started with less than a dozen members. So whatever steps we do decide to take, let's get on with it in 1948.

### SCOTCH TAPE ON STEEL TOKENS

Recently while looking over a collection it was noticed that where steel tokens came in contact with scotch tape oxidization was present.



NEW ISSUES REPORTED & BY WHOM  
 Tuscaloosa, Ala. ( R. Cooper )  
 Bz 23 T-sc Alabama Power Company  
 Good For One Ride  
 Phoenix, Ariz. ( R. Atwood )  
 Bz 16 Sd Metropolitan Lines Phoenix M  
 Good For Fare - In One Zone M  
 Tucson, Ariz. ( R. Cooper )  
 Bz 23 Bar Occidental Bus Lines ( bus )  
 Good For One Fare ( bus )  
 Sacramento, Calif. ( R. Atwood )  
 Wm 23 HT-sc Sacramento City Lines  
 Good For One Half Fare  
 San Jose, Calif. ( R. Atwood )  
 Wm 16 SM-sc San Jose City Lines ( mission )  
 Good For One Fare ( mission )  
 Jacksonville, Fla. ( F. Snyder )  
 Wm 16 Bar Jacksonville Coach Co. ( coach )  
 Jacksonville, Florida ( coach )  
 Columbus, Ga. ( K. Snyder )  
 Wm 16 Sd Columbus Transportation Company C  
 Columbus Georgia C  
 Jacksonville, Ill. ( K. Snyder )  
 B 25 Sd City Bus Lines Safe-Dependable Courteous-Economical  
 Good For One Fare CBL  
 Pikeville, Ky. ( K. Snyder )  
 B 16 P-sc Pikeville City Bus  
 Good For 10¢ Ride  
 Pikeville, Ky. ( K. Snyder )  
 Bz 16 P City Bus Company, Inc.  
 Good For One Fare  
 Mankato, Minn. ( K. Snyder )  
 Wm 16 ST-sc Mankato City Bus Lines  
 Good For One Fare  
 Columbia, Mo. ( R. Cooper )  
 Al 25 Sd City Bus Lines Safe-Dependable Courteous-Economical  
 Good For One Fare CBL  
 St. Joseph, Mo. ( F. Green )  
 Wm 16 TR-sc St. Joseph Light & Power Co.  
 Good For One Fare  
 Manchester, N.H. ( R. Cooper )  
 KB 22 Sd Public Service Company of N.H. One School Fare  
 Public Service Company of New Hampshire  
 Albany, N.Y. ( R. Cooper )  
 Wm 19 Sd United Traction Company  
 Good For One Fare  
 New York, N.Y.  
 Wm 16 Sd 125th Street Ferry EF  
 Good For One Passage EF  
 Portsmouth, Ohio ( R. Cooper )  
 Wm 23 S-sc South Shore Bus Line, Co.  
 Good For One 10¢ Fare  
 Warren, Ohio ( R. Cooper )  
 Bz 23 Sd The Warren Transp. Co. W  
 Good For One Fare W  
 Youngstown, Ohio ( K. Snyder )  
 Wm 16 Bar McDonald Bus Lines, Inc. ( bus )  
 Good For One 10¢ Fare ( bus )

# The National Check & Premium List by Roland C. Atwood Supplement

Each city has been assigned a number. Each token is designated by a capital letter. The small o following code letter denotes token is obsolete. Next symbol denotes material of which token is made. Sizes shown are in millimeters. Next symbol denotes the device of the token. Tokens shown here have been issued or discovered since May 15, 1947

✓ 440 G Bz 16 G G. J. T. L. COLORADO 1947  
Good For One Half Fare

✓ 35 F Bz 16 CH CONNECTICUT  
Central Bus Bridgeport, Conn. C  
Good For One Fare C  
✓ 525 D B 23 T Trumbull Coach Lines  
Good For One Fare

✓ 290 B Bz 23 S-sc FLORIDA  
Sunrise Transit Service  
Good For One Fare

✓ 20 B Wm 23 Bar GEORGIA  
Cities Transit Inc. #4 ( bus )  
Good For One Fare ( bus )

✓ 100 N Wm 16 Pc IDAHO  
Boise Street Car Company  
Good For One Fare

✓ 130 F A 31 Sd ILLINOIS  
Galvin Harris Morris Centralia One Fare  
Blank  
✓ 195 F B 23 Dd Decatur City Lines Inc. ( bus )  
Good For One Half Fare ( bus )  
✓ 470 B Wm 21 Dd Kewanee City Lines, Inc. ( bus )  
Good For One Fare ( bus )  
✓ 470 C Bz 23 Dd Kewanee City Lines, Inc. ( bus )  
Good For One Half Fare ( bus )  
✓ 495 D B 23 Dd LaSalle-Penn City Lines, Inc. ( bus )  
Good For One Half Fare ( bus )  
✓ 610 A B 16 Bar Murphysboro Bus Company, Inc. ( bus )  
Good For One Fare ( bus )  
✓ 665 A Bz 23 Bar Southern Illinois Transit Lines, Inc. ( bus )  
Good For One Fare ( bus )  
✓ 770 A A 20 Sd City Bus Inc. Salem, Ill.  
Good For 1 Fare  
✓ 815 E Bz 16 T-sc Twin City Transit Lines, Inc. Sterling-Rock Falls, Ill.  
Good For One Fare

## ¡Clan! ¡Clan! ¡Clan! Sonó el Tranvía by A. C. Zakor

Or the motorman may carry a multi-colored serape over his shoulder or wear a blanket with his head sticking through a hole in the middle. He may even have spangles on his trousers.

Until recently the siesta was a very integral part of Mexican life. Every afternoon from two to five those who wished to would find a cool spot and relax. So it is no wonder that when there is a lull of business on the cars, the conductor takes a nap during the long trip, for he usually doesn't worry too much about the fares. The fare is generally collected as you leave, so you may leave in a rush before the car comes to a stop and forget to pay. Usually the conductor will whistle at you but that is about as much effort as he will make. On the camiones, however, the driver will more than likely collect before he allows you to exit, for ten to one the bus driver is the owner of the camión.

The fare in Mexico City is ten centavos, or two cents. Paper tickets are sold four for twenty-five centavos, which make a good reduction. You can ride for thirty-six miles in one direction on one paper ticket and if you should be taking a siesta when you get to the end of the line, you can ride back to your starting point without paying another fare. However, the fares on the interurban trains are proportionate to the distance which you ride. The bus fare of two cents may seem very low but isn't really when you take into consideration the fact that the average laborer in Mexico makes about fifty cents a day.

Some cities use tokens. Mazatlan, a seaport in the state of Sinaloa at the entrance of the Gulf of California, and famous for its mother-of-pearl, was the first Mexican city to use fare tokens. They, like other cities, used horse cars prior to the invention of electric street cars and like other cities in the United States, found small change a little scarce in 1892. As a result, they issued tokens in two colors, brown and black, made of hard vulcanized rubber.

Ciudad Juárez, in the state of Chihuahua, located across the Rio Grande from El Paso, also has fare tokens but of the more modern type. However, they reverse the usual procedure so common in the United States in which our small tokens are good for one full fare and the large tokens being used for half fare or school fare. In Juárez they use a brass token, larger than a five cent piece, for adult fare, and a small white metal token, similar to ours, for one half fare.

In Mexico City most of the tranvías are British owned. The camiones however, are generally owned and operated by separate individuals. There are approximately five thousand of these buses operating in Mexico City, and each street is covered by a separate franchise. The owner of the franchise may put as many buses on the line as he wishes and he may either build up a schedule or run the buses whenever the mood hits him. On some of the lines a dozen camiones of the same route will come into a terminal at the same time and all leave in one group.

Although there are hundreds of different types of camiones, there are only six different types of tranvías, the best being similar to the Pacific Electric 600's with bars on the windows and wicker seats. All cars are two-man operated, except for a few Birney type vehicles. The maintenance of the equipment is fair. Some cars carry the manufacturer's name of Brill of Philadelphia. Some have the St. Louis Car Company stencilled on the inside. Most of the tranvías in the city are painted a dark yellow but in striking contrast the camiones are painted all colors of the spectrum. Each of the hundred or more different lines must have its individual colors in addition to the designation sign for the benefit of the many Indians and peones who can only distinguish the line by its color.

NEW ISSUES REPORTED & BY WHOM continued from insert

Youngstown, Ohio ( K. Snyder )  
Wm 23 Bar McDonald Bus Lines, Inc. ( bus )  
Good For One 15¢ Fare ( bus )  
La Grande, Ore ( R. Cooper ) --octagonal--  
B 20 Sd La Grande Transit Co. Good For 1 Fare La Grande, Ore.  
The Big City of Eastern Oregon La Grande  
Sioux City, S.D. ( R. Cooper )  
Wm 16 SF-sc Sioux Transit Co.  
One Fare Sioux Falls  
Corsicana, Texas ( K. Snyder )  
Wm 16 Sd De Luxe Bus Service Corsicana ( bus )  
Good For One Fare ( bus )  
Plainview, Texas ( E. Kimmons ) --state not confirmed--  
Wm 16 L Longview Transit Co.  
Good For One Fare  
Sollingen, Germany ( C. Heyn ) --incuse letters--  
B 20 CH Stadt Strassenbahnen Sollingen  
Gut Für Eine Fahrt  
Arendal, Norway --oval -19 x 25--  
NI Sd Aktieselskabet Kolbjørn ( ferry )  
Same as obverse  
Ponce, P.R. ( R. Cooper )  
B 21 P Ponce Star Line Inc.  
Good For One Fare

#### DOUBTFUL - INFORMATION WANTED

Z 25 Sd Cambres de Commerce 5¢ 1918 Region Provencale  
Nice-Avignon-Nimes-Alais-Marseille-Arles-Digne-Gap

Now that the National Check & Premium List by Roland C. Atwood has been received by those who ordered same an explanation here should be helpful in obtaining the maximum benefit from the Supplement which is carried in each issue of The Fare Box as an inserted page.

For example:

#### ALABAMA

120 I Wm 23 Bar Gardiner Bus Lines ( bus )  
Good For 15¢ Cash Fare ( bus )

Since this is listed under Alabama we find that NO. 120 is the city number of Birmingham; therefore this token is from that city. The last letter used in the Check-list under Birmingham is H and this one being assigned to the letter I proves you have a record and the description of all tokens issued and used in Birmingham, up-to-date. Should there be any difficulty in co-ordinating the Supplement to the Check-list an explanation of any points not readily apparent will be gladly given on request.

#### ADVERTISING RATES

One line or fraction of line of 70 letters or spaces	.40¢
Two lines	.75¢
Three lines	\$1.00
After first three lines each succeeding line or fraction	.25¢

Not much activity during December -- Special offer: 14 different U.S. fare tokens for \$1.00 Watch my smoke in '48 - out for 5000 different - have 4800 now. S E A S O N ' S G R E E T I N G S to all my friends.

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